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IMAGERY COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS SUBCOMMITTEE OF COMIREX

MINUTES OF MEETING

10:00 - 11:15 Tuesday, 28 October 1969

PRESIDING

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Acting Chairman

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MEMBERS PRESENT

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Mr. J. C. St. Cyr, OACSI

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Mr. J. Urban, ONI
Maj. D. Mancuso, AFNIN

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Office of Chairman:

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CONSULTANTS PRESENT

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OBSERVERS PRESENT

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REPORT ON OPERATIONS

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2. No change to the satellite launch schedule was reported. Schedule is as follows:

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CORONA

1108 - 26 Nov 69
1109 - 18 Feb 70

3. In discussing the CORONA portion of the schedule, [] reported that Mission 1108 would have 800 ft of S0-242 color film added at the end of one of the buckets. In addition to this, testing of the solar array panels will be conducted on the mission. As part of the test, the first 2 or 3 days of the mission will be flown at an 80 nm altitude after which time it will be boosted to 100 nm for the duration of the mission. [] noted that the use of the lower altitude for three days could result in the "loss" of 300,000 sq nm of area coverage. The actual "loss" of coverage is dependent on the amount of film expended at the lower altitude.

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ORBIT SELECT CRITERIA - MISSION 1108

5. Two sets of orbit select criteria as shown below were submitted to the NRO. Chairman noted that the two were very similar and that a single orbit would probably be able to satisfy both requirements. However, if two orbits were required, he requested that the NRO brief the Committee on the characteristics and capabilities of the two.

Case A

- 1) Access to the USSR, China, East European Communist Countries, and North Korea from 20° North to the "lightline" during course of the mission.
- 2) Weighted access to obtain maximum acceptable coverage of "holidays" in Area I (USSR and China only), using latest, most accurate "holiday" information at time of orbit study.*

*Adjusted for climatology, of course, as operational considerations may dictate.

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Case B

- 1) Complete access to Communist Bloc countries north of 20° North.
- 2) Multiple access to the following areas in order of priority:
 - a. Semi-annual search areas with no history of coverage during the past year.
 - b. Baltic, Belorussian, and Carpathian Military Districts (WAG 153, 168 and 233).
 - c. Semi-annual search areas with no history of coverage during the past half year.
 - d. South China and North Vietnam.
 - e. North Korea.
 - f. Middle East (area between 29° and 28° East).

SOUTH CHINA/NORTH VIETNAM PRIORITIES LIST

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6. [] tabled a memorandum recommending changes to the North Vietnamese portion of the list. [] requested that members review the paper and be prepared to act on it at the next meeting.

7. In some general comments relating to the priority list, the Chairman noted that the list had been discussed in detail at an earlier meeting. He expressed the view that such a list was required in order to provide timely collection guidance for drones and manned aircraft. He stated that he would have some recommendations on this subject in the near future.

CUBA

8. The Chairman reported that the area coverage for the current 56-day period stood at 86.2%. He noted this percentage was achieved with 3 IRIS II missions and 1 "B" configured mission. It would normally take 7-8 "B" configured missions to obtain comparable coverage.

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9. In response to query from the Chairman regarding DIA's review of the Cuban requirement, [] reported that it was still under study within the DoD.

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10. [] reported that he had distributed to members a draft paper to Chairman, COMIREX, addressing IRIS II search criteria for OLD HEAD missions. He requested that members provide any comments or concurrence sometime this week.

TARGET UPDATES

11. The weekly transaction sheets containing: 101 Additions
6 Changes
1 Inactivate
1 Reactivate
7 Deletes were

approved. Three recommended actions were placed in a pending status until the next meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

12. Renumbering of Sensitive Operation Complexes (SOC) -- The Committee agreed to leave the SOCs in an unidentified category (9A's) since the most recent NIE indicates that these installations have multiple functions.

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13. [] disseminated a memorandum from [] NPIC, that provided information comparing the interpretability of Mono vs Stereo [] This paper was presented in lieu of a formal briefing requested by the Army member. Chairman asked members to study the paper and if there were any unanswered questions he would be glad to contact NPIC for the added information.

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14. DIA member requested that ICRS undertake at an early date to establish some ground rules and procedures for processing collocated installations. He indicated the bookkeeping of these installations was an ever increasing problem for DIA. [] concurred in [] concern and expressed hope that progress in solving this problem can be made in the near future.

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15. Chairman asked members to provide their inputs to the SITD evaluation by COB 6 November. Present plans call for a joint ICRS and EXSUBCOM report to be available to COMIREX members by 13 November.

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AGENDA

10:00, 28 October 1969, Room 2G 22, Headquarters

1. Operational Report - NRO
2. South China/North Vietnam Priorities List
3. Orbit Select Criteria - Mission 1108
4. Update COMIREX File - Pages 641 thru 655.
5. Other Business

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Adjournment 11:30 - Retirement Luncheon

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